Losses due to flood

1038. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether deaths and losses due to the current floods across several States in the country can be attributed not only to rains but also to mismanagement of water levels in big and small dams;

(b) whether the lastest Central Water Commission report have mentioned that as many as 41 reservoirs across the country were choking with excess water which might result in disastrous floods, especially in the western and southern belts of the country; and

(c) the steps Government have taken or propose to take to urge the States to release excess water from dams?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Water levels in dams and reservoirs are regulated by the concerned State Governments/Project Authorities. No deaths and losses have been reported so far due to mismanagement of water level in dams/ reservoirs in the current floods from the State authorities.

(b) No such report has been brought out by Central Water Commission.

(c) Releases from the dams are regulated by the concerned State Governments/ Project Authorities owning the reservoirs. This Ministry has set up a Standing Group on Dam Operation and Modernization of Flood Forecasting Network in the States of Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat under the Chairmanship of Chief Engineer (Flood Management), Central Water Commission during April, 2007 to coordinate the modalities of operations of dams having inter-state implications and suggesting modernization of flood forecasting network in the States of Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat.

Anti-sea erosion works

1039. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Kerala submitted a proposal for anti-sea erosion works to Central Water Commission (CWC) for inclusion in the National Coastal Protection Project;

(b) if so, the details of the project proposal therein; and

(c) the action Government have taken in this regard and the details thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) Government of Kerala submitted a revised proposal with an estimated cost of Rs. 216.96 crore in June, 2003 for inclusion in the proposed National Coastal Protection Project (NCPP). The